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Daylily Creations for 1947

To those who may not be familiar with the new daylily hybrids we would say that in the last few years this hardy perennial of our grandmother's gardens has been transformed as though by a fairy wand into new and lovely forms. Colors range from palest lemon through gold, orange, pink and red to deepest maroon purple. Stunning color patterns including bicolors, flowers with contrasting eye zones on the petals, and blends of many tints are available. Added to this are more numerous flowers, a season lasting from spring to fall, and plant size to fit any garden requirement. We predict that in a few years daylilies will become as popular and well loved as those old favorites, the rose, peony and iris.

The daylily originations of Ralph Wheeler have been taking honors at exhibitions since 1940 and are well known to specialists. It is only recently, however, that they have been offered to the home gardener. Although bred and raised in Florida, these selections have been thoroughly tested in our northern New York garden and have proven vigorous and hardy.

The plants you will receive are large plants, sent directly to you from the originator's garden, most of which should bloom the first year. No daylily performs its best until acclimated to a new location so do not expect too much the first season. We recommend early spring planting, but early fall is quite satisfactory, especially if a light protection is given the first winter. Daylilies respond amazingly to a little extra care, so if you want large and showy flowers give your plants some extra water during dry spells, and an application of fertilizer or compost during the spring or early summer.

We have prepared a portfolio of kodachrome photos of these new flowers which shows them as they actually appear in the garden. These pictures are available to garden clubs, flower groups, or responsible individuals interested in the purchase of some of the plants. Please write us if you wish to examine these color photographs.

Mr. Wheeler's interest has been more vigorously applied to creation than propagation of these new varieties, so in consequence the quantities of many are extremely limited. Orders will be booked strictly in the order in which they are received for future delivery. For this same reason the prices are necessarily high. We feel that the purchase of a daylily which will give increasing beauty each year for a generation is an investment in enjoyment, and the extra amount spent for an outstanding variety may mean the difference between continuing satisfaction over the years, or a wish to replace the plant in a year or two. Beautiful homes deserve beautiful plants and the best is always cheapest in the long run.

Individual daylilies flower over a period of from four to six weeks. We have indicated the approximate bloom season for the central and northern states. In the south they will flower a few weeks earlier. The term "multaflora" indicates plants with numerous stem branches. Such plants tend to have more flowers open at one time and are especially desirable for garden display. Size of bloom is measured across the open flower and height refers to length of blooming scapes. Generally a medium-sized flower is between 4 in. and 5 in., while a large flower is over 5 in. in spread.

New Wheeler Daylilies

for 1947

Ganymede An unusual flower form in beautiful, delicate coloring. The petals are very wide, creped, frilled, tightly recurved and of a rosy lilac shade. The sepals are flaring, light sulphur yellow somewhat dusted with the petal color. The flower is medium to large, blooms in mid-season on 2' stems.

Haile Selassie A very deep maroon-purple toned flower, medium large, regular form. The petals are solidly colored excepting for a narrow almost clear white line which extends from the throat to the petal tips. The sepals are a shade lighter than the petals with the center band of white much wider. The throat is golden yellow in beautiful contrast. Mid-season.

Royal Lady A bicolor with deep but bright violet purple petals, deepest in the center and shading to much lighter towards the tips and edges with a light canary midstripe. The throat and sepals are canary yellow, the latter slightly dusted on the edges. The form is most unusual with recurved sepals, but petals flaring and pinched towards the tips. The effect is graceful and somewhat piquant. Late midseason. 3 feet.

Scarlet Sunset It was our privilege to name this brilliant daylily. It was our choice as the purest vermilion scarlet of all of Mr. Wheeler's hybrids. The flower is a self, both petals and sepals being the same shade. The throat is near cadmium yellow. The color is so intense that even the buds are orange vermilion. The flower is medium in size, relatively narrow sepals, nicely recurved, and medium wide petals recurved at the tips. Stock very scarce.

The above varieties are all very limited in quantity. Orders for them will be filled in order of reservations at \$15.00 each net.

It has been necessary to withdraw a few of the Wheeler Daylily Creations listed in 1946 in order to increase stock. Those described below can be delivered this spring or in the fall.

Angelus An outstanding light lemon yellow self with faint eye zone dusting. The flower is large, wide petals, well open and with segments gracefully recurved. Withstands hot summer sun extremely well. Evergreen. Scapes 3 ft. tall. Blooms in July. **\$7.50**

Blackhawk The darkest color of any of Mr. Wheeler's hybrids to date. The overall color is very deep maroon with a bright golden throat in brilliant contrast. The flower is medium in size, cup shaped with wide petals. Very sun resistant for such a deep color. Scapes about 2 ft. tall. Blooms in June and July. **\$10.00**

Bobolink A brilliant purple and yellow bi-color. The flower is compact in form, medium size, with very wide frilled and creped petals of purple, a bit deeper than heliotrope. The sepals are wide, of golden yellow with some purple dusting. Throat greenish gold. Flowering stems are multiflora, 3½ ft. tall and have proliferations. A vigorous grower having four stems when two years old from seed. Recurrent bloomer in the south. Late June and July. **\$15.00**

Brackel A deep mahogany flower with a most unusual texture to the petals. The color pattern resembles an all-over design in brocade in rich, dark wine and mahogany shades. Color even deeper in the north. A very vigorous grower and recurrent bloomer in the south. Flowering stems are 2½ ft. Blooms in June and July. **\$10.00**

Duncan The earliest dark maroon flower. Petals and sepals a dark maroon red. Flower large with rather narrow segments. A bright gold throat sets off the petal color. Plant is vigorous, foliage light green, flowering stems 2½ ft. to 3 ft. Blooms in May and June. **\$5.00**

Halo A fine and unusual daylily in both form and color. Flower large, wide open with very wide frilled petals, tips twisted. Sepals wide and somewhat frilled. In color it is light yellow with a faint dusting high up on the petals and again on the petal tips. Opens at night and lasts through the next day. Useful for evening decoration. Plant robust, scapes about 3 ft. high, late June and July. **\$7.50**

Hazel Sawyer This is a lavender pink day-lily of handsome form in rare coloring. The flowers are medium large on two foot stems, well open, petals frilled. It is vigorous, increases rapidly, is a free bloomer and makes a beautiful garden subject. July. **\$10.00**

Herkimer Johnson A very large flower, petals wide, creped, tips recurved and twisted. Sepals recurved. Flower diameter about 6½ in. The ground color is deep golden yellow with a faint but wide cinnamon dusting about the throat. Late June and July. About 3 ft. tall. **\$3.00**

Ohred A striking bright red daylily. The flower is large, compact, with wide recurving segments. The throat is greenish yellow and yellow hair lines extend through the petals. Many flowers on the stem, stalks about 3 ft. tall, blooms June and July. **\$7.50**

Paul Ihrig A delightfully formed flower in a most unusual shade of color. The effect is of a mauve pink self produced by a blend of pastel tints. The flower is large, wide sepals and petals, well open and somewhat recurved. Throat color is greenish gold with narrow cream lines extending up into the petals. A vigorous

grower to 4 ft. in height, evergreen and a recurrent bloomer in the south. Remarkably sun resistant. Flowers in June. **\$7.50**

Ruby Supreme

An outstanding deep ruby red. Large flower to 7 in., petals very wide, main color Antique Ruby, sepals a little lighter. Throat greenish gold, a narrow gold line extending through the petals. Flower scapes 2½ ft. to 3 ft. tall, strong grower with multiflora habit. Blooms late June and July. Judged "Best Flower" at the National Daylily Show, Orlando, Fla., 1941. **\$10.00**

SPECIAL COLLECTION 1947

This collection includes plants which have been tested throughout the country and which will give you an excellent idea of the range of color and forms in the new Wheeler Daylily Creations. We include one plant of each of:

Ruby Supreme	\$10.00
Duncan	5.00
Halo	7.50
Brackel	10.00
Hazel Sawyer	10.00
	\$42.50

The entire Special Collection, postpaid, for only **\$30.00.**

Daylilies for Naturalizing

Daylilies are extremely attractive planted in masses in the border or along drives. In such a planting, mixed colors are most pleasing and give a succession of bloom. The plants offered are selected hybrids which Mr. Wheeler has had under observation. In most cases they equal or surpass the named varieties commonly listed at low prices, but are not different enough to warrant introduction. We consider this offer the outstanding value on the daylily market today. The plants are large divisions which have flowered. They are offered only in mixed colors and will be sent by Express Collect from Florida to you.

Wheeler Daylily Hybrids in mixed colors:

50 for	\$10.00	100 for	\$17.50
500 for	\$60.00	1000 for	\$100.00

This year we are adding to our list a few of the outstanding introductions of other daylily hybridizers. These are all rare and very highly rated daylilies.

Duchess of Windsor (Traub) wide petal cream	\$5.00
Emperor Jones (Hayward) purple-maroon	5.00
Florida (Hayward) rose-buff	5.00
Minnie (Hayward) small mahogany red	5.00
Nubiana (Hayward) chocolate red	5.00
Osceola (Hayward) brick red overcast purple	5.00
Ralph Wheeler (Hayward) gold, dusted fulvous	5.00
Tahiti Belle (Hayward) brownish red	5.00
Welaka (Watkins-Hume) red	5.00
Mrs. J. J. Tigert (Watkins) pastel	5.00
Craemore Ruby (Plouf) dull ruby red	3.00
Fulva Rosea-Rosalind (Stout) rose-pink	3.00

We will allow extra plants valued at \$5.00 with an order for the named varieties amounting to \$30.00; or extra plants valued at \$10.00 with an order amounting to \$50.00. No extras will be included with the Special Collection or the Hybrids in mixed colors.

Our terms are cash with order, or if future delivery is requested, 25% down and balance before delivery.

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